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News, Research, Calls for Papers and Events from the  
University of Missouri's Center on Religion & the Professions (CORP)  
Jan. 8, 2009

Greetings! Read on for campus and community activities kicking off  
the new year.

### **CORP EVENTS**

**Jan. 10 Conversation:** ["Being Moral with Money: Part I."](#) Free.  
Where is your treasure invested? Religious and socially conscious  
portfolios assure investors' consciences are reflected in their stocks.  
Hear about how people manifest their beliefs in the marketplace and  
why. Part of the ["Sects and the City: Coffee and Conversation on  
the Intersection of Faith and Life"](#) series. Cherry Street Artisan,  
111 S. 9th St., Columbia, 11 a.m.-noon.

**Jan. 24 Conversation:** ["Being Moral with Money: Part II."](#) Free.  
As the economy crumbles, people are thinking about personal and  
national debt. Is debt a sin? Are riches a blessing? A discussion of  
religious beliefs about lending, credit and debt, and how they affect  
views about money. Part of the ["Sects and the City: Coffee and  
Conversation on the Intersection of Faith and Life"](#) series. Cherry  
Street Artisan, 111 S. 9th St., Columbia, 11 a.m.-noon.

**Jan. 29 Film Series:** ["Spirituality & Health"](#) Free. ["Resurrection,"](#)  
a drama about a woman who briefly experiences the afterlife and finds  
she has the power to heal others. *Discussion led by **Dr. Brick  
Johnstone**, MU professor of health psychology and head of CORP's  
Spirituality and Health research team.* Wrench Auditorium, South  
Memorial Union, 7 p.m.

### **CORP NEWS**

**Returning Course:** ["Religion Reporting & Writing"](#) (**Journalism  
4426/7426**) will be taught by CORP Director **Debra Mason** in Winter  
2009. This year's focus is on **Race & Religion**. The course teaches  
students how to write, report and communicate about religion by  
producing a package for publication, broadcast or online about race

and religion. **Last day to add is Jan. 27, 2009.** For information, call 882-2866 or e-mail [MasonDL@missouri.edu](mailto:MasonDL@missouri.edu).

**Upcoming Article:** CORP-affiliated researchers will publish an article, **"Differentiating the Impact of Spiritual Experiences, Religious Practices, and Congregational Support on the Mental Health of Individuals with Heterogeneous Medical Disorders,"** in an upcoming issue of the [International Journal for the Psychology of Religion](#). Authors are MU researchers **Daniel Cohen**, visiting assistant professor in religious studies; **Dong Pil Yoon**, assistant professor in social work; and **Brick Johnstone**, professor in health psychology.

**Groundbreaking Research:** CORP **Spirituality and Health** team members' research linking brain function, spiritual experience and selflessness has been reported worldwide, including in the [Columbia Daily Tribune](#) and news sources in India, Bulgaria, Pakistan, Thailand, Canada and Switzerland. Findings are published in the December 2008 [Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science](#). Authors are **Brick Johnstone** and **Bret Glass**.

#### **OTHER CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Jan. 15 Celebration: [Columbia Values Diversity Celebration: "This We Believe."](#)** Breakfast, live music, artistic program, awards. Sponsored by the City of Columbia Office of Community Services. Preregistration required, deadline is 5 p.m., Jan. 9. \$13 or \$11 for children under 12. Holiday Inn Select Expo Center, Columbia, 7-8:45 a.m.

**Feb. 6 Lecture: "Unity in a Multi-cultural Church and Society: What's God Got to Do With It?"** by **Dr. Jamie T. Phelps, O.P.**, director for the Institute for Black Catholic Studies and professor of systematic theology at Xavier University at New Orleans. Part of Newman Speaker Series and [Newman Week](#) hosted by [St. Thomas More Newman Center](#). For information, e-mail [campus.ministry@newmancentercolumbia.org](mailto:campus.ministry@newmancentercolumbia.org). Newman Center Chapel, 701 Maryland Ave., Columbia, 7 p.m.

#### **CALLS FOR PAPERS**

**Deadline Jan. 15:** The [Society for Values in Higher Education](#) seeks papers exploring **"The Academy and the Marketplace"** to present at its July 22-26, 2009 [conference](#) at Elmhurst College. Send proposals to Eric Bain-Selbo, Department Head, Philosophy and

Religion, Western Kentucky University, 1906 College Heights Blvd., Bowling Green, KY 42101 or inquire at [eric.bain-selbo@wku.edu](mailto:eric.bain-selbo@wku.edu).

## **CONFERENCES**

**March 5-6: Social Research** conference on [\*\*"The Religious-Secular Divide: The U.S. Case"\*\*](#) explores the tension between religion and secularity in the U.S. from perspectives of religious studies, legal studies, political science, sociology and philosophy. Keynote by **Charles Taylor**, professor emeritus of political science and philosophy at McGill University, Montreal, Canada. The New School, New York City.

**May 12-15: [\*\*Teaching Research Ethics Workshop \(TRE\)\*\*](#)** provides training for those involved in teaching research ethics or administering research programs. Workshop emphasizes various pedagogical approaches to teaching research ethics, including ethical theory, research ethics, trainee and authorship issues, assessment and evaluation, responsible data management, integrity in research, conflict of interest, and international research. Indiana University.

## **RELIGION IN THE NEWS**

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